



# Engeye Health Clinic, Ddegeya Village, Uganda

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## ABOUT UGANDA AND THE MINERVA FELLOWSHIP

The Minerva Fellowship provides a select group of graduating seniors with the opportunity to spend nine months engaging with communities and volunteering with NGOs in developing nations. These countries include Cambodia, South Africa, India, and Uganda.

### *About Uganda*

Uganda is a landlocked nation located in East Africa, bordered by Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Sudan. The population of Uganda is 45 million and is expected to double in the next 30 years. The majority of these individuals live in classified rural villages. Engeye Health Clinic is established in one such village.

## ENGEYE HEALTH CLINIC: OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES

Engeye is a non-profit organization that works in rural, Ddegeya Village, Lwengo District, Uganda to empower community members. This is achieved through a four-pronged model:

1. Health
2. Community
3. Education
4. Women's Entrepreneurship

### *Vision*

“Engeye strives to be a model for international partnership that enables individuals, families and communities to achieve their full potential through access to compassionate healthcare, quality education, and economic opportunity. We envision thriving communities and lives transformed through the power of their own enterprise.”

### *Core Values*

All projects and endeavors will be executed sustainably and in the absence of foreign political or spiritual values



## HEALTH

### *Primary Care*

Engeye Health Clinic serves the community in Lwengo District. Currently, Engeye is staffed with five clinicians, two laboratory technicians, one pharmacy dispenser, one clinic manager, in addition to support staff. The clinic provides services relating to acute and chronic pain management, preventive healthcare such as immunizations, HIV testing, counseling, and extensive family planning options. In 2019, there were over 18,000 patient visits to Engeye Health Clinic.

### *Maternity Center*

The maternity center opened in July of 2018 after the need for accessible pre- and post-natal care was identified among community members. In 2019, there were 72 babies born, 300 ultrasounds conducted (with one machine) and 1,908 vaccinations distributed. Two trained midwives staff the center 24 hours per day.

### *Village Health Team*

Twenty volunteer community health workers from Nakateete Parish meet once per month to be trained on health issues by Engeye staff. By educating these individuals, it allows them to educate the community, empowering everyone.

## COMMUNITY

### *Water*

There are 300 families that reside in Ddegeya village. Engeye plays a crucial role in providing access to sources of clean water for the community. By financially supporting the upkeep and repair of water pumps (boreholes) throughout the village, Engeye works to maintain the right to water for all members of and visitors to Ddegeya. There are two boreholes located across Ddegeya.

### *Community Holiday Party*

Every January, Engeye hosts a community holiday party for local children. In 2020, there were over 1,100 children in attendance. This all-day event is full of food, fun, dancing, and community support.



## EDUCATION

### *Engeye Scholars*

Engeye provides financial assistance for academically promising students from Ddegeya to attain an education. Currently, there are 23 students attending university, boarding school, or trade school. The scholarship covers school fees, supplies, health care costs, and room and board.

### *Computer Skills*

In December of 2019, ten new laptops were kindly donated to allow for the establishment of an ongoing computer skills workshop for local students.



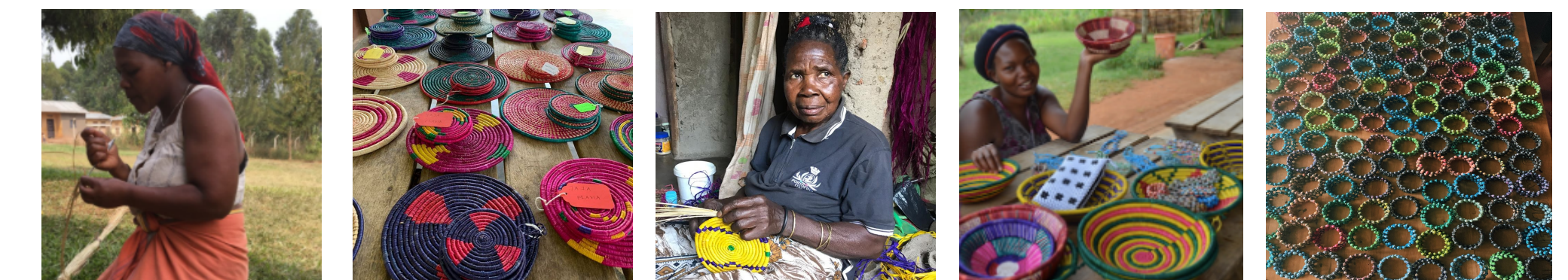
## WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### *Engeye Artisans*

Eleven local women participate in the Engeye Artisans craft collective. They work to produce paper bead jewelry, fabric goods, and woven banana-fiber baskets, coasters, and trivets. These items are sold to volunteers visiting Engeye. All profits are used to pay the women for their work and support the initiative.

### *Business Loans*

The Artisans program distributes grants in the amount of \$300 to individual group members to assist them in starting their own businesses. Successful business plans include a juice shop, a hair salon, and piggery expansion.



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